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SOUTHCOM to inaugurate new military headquarters in Doral

WHAT: U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) will inaugurate its new military headquarters during a ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the official start of operations at the new facility and a new phase in the command's history as a proud member of the South Florida community.

During the ceremony, Joint Task Force-Haiti will be presented with the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for its contributions to U.S. and international relief efforts in Haiti following the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake.

Gen. Douglas Fraser, Commander of SOUTHCOM, will participate in a 15-minute press conference following the conclusion of the ceremony.

WHO: The ceremony will be hosted by Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, Commander of SOUTHCOM. South Florida community leaders and former SOUTHCOM commanders will also attend. This ceremony will include a U.S. Air Force F-16 fly-over from the 482nd Fighter Wing in Homestead Air Reserve Base and music performed by the Florida National Guard 13th Army Band from Pembroke Pines.

WHEN: The ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. today.

WHERE: U.S. Southern Command headquarters, 9301 NW 33rd St., Doral, Fla. 33172 (*east of the intersection of NW 97th Ave and NW 33rd St*).

IMPORTANT NOTE TO EDITORS: Media interested in covering this ceremony should contact the Public Affairs Office with the names of reporters and/or photographers no later than 11 a.m., today. We ask that press attending arrive at the SOUTHCOM headquarters west gate no later than 2:30 p.m. to allow sufficient time for parking, security scans and movement to the ceremony area.

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VIDEOS AND PHOTOS:

A web page containing information, videos and photos of the new headquarters has been set up at the following web address: <http://www.southcom.mil/AppsSC/news.php?storyId=2522>.

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